

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of New Jersey

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case Number 2-Cr. 13-783 (1)

CHRISTOPHER BYERS

Defendant.

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

The defendant, CHRISTOPHER BYERS , was represented by William J. Hughes, Jr. Esq. .

The defendant pled guilty to count(s) 1 of the Information on December 11, 2013. Accordingly, the court has adjudicated that the defendant is guilty of the following offense(s):

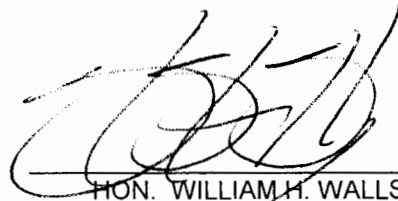
<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date of Offense</u>	<u>Count Number(s)</u>
18 U.S.C. 371 [16 USC 3372(d)(2) & 3373(d)(3)(A)(ii) 18 USC 1519]	Conspiracy to Violate False Records Provision of Lacey Act and Obstruct Justice	Feb. 2007 through March 2008	1

As pronounced on SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, the defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100, for count(s) 1, which shall be due immediately. Said special assessment shall be made payable to the Clerk, U.S. District Court.

It is further ordered that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this Judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Signed this the 9 day of SEPTEMBER , 2014.



HON. WILLIAM H. WALLS  
Senior United States District Judge

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**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 30 Months.

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons: Court recommends that the Bureau of Prisons designate the facility, FCI Berlin in New Hampshire for service of sentence.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**RETURN**

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
At \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal

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### **SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of 3 years.

Within 72 hours of release from custody of the Bureau of Prisons, the defendant shall report in person to the Probation Office in the district to which the defendant is released.

While on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as set forth below.

The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of commencement of supervised release and at least two tests thereafter as determined by the probation officer.

If this judgment imposes a fine, special assessment, costs, or restitution obligation, it shall be a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay any such fine, assessments, costs, and restitution that remains unpaid at the commencement of the term of supervised release and shall comply with the following special conditions:

#### **ALCOHOL/DRUG TESTING AND TREATMENT**

You shall refrain from the illegal possession and use of drugs, including prescription medication not prescribed in your name, and the use of alcohol, and shall submit to urinalysis or other forms of testing to ensure compliance. It is further ordered that you shall submit to evaluation and treatment, on an outpatient or inpatient basis, as approved by the U.S. Probation Office. You shall abide by the rules of any program and shall remain in treatment until satisfactorily discharged by the Court. You shall alert all medical professionals of any prior substance abuse history, including any prior history of prescription drug abuse. The Probation Officer shall supervise your compliance with this condition.

#### **GAMBLING RESTRICTIONS AND REGISTRATION ON EXCLUSION LISTS**

You shall refrain from all gambling activities, legal or otherwise, to include the purchase or receipt of lottery tickets. You shall register on the self-exclusion lists maintained by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission and Racetrack Commission within 60 days of the commencement of supervision and remain on these lists for the duration of supervision. The Probation Officer shall supervise your compliance with this condition.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**

You shall undergo treatment in a mental health program approved by the United States Probation Office until discharged by the Court. As necessary, said treatment may also encompass treatment for gambling, domestic violence and/or anger management, as approved by the United States Probation Office, until discharged by the Court. The Probation Officer shall supervise your compliance with this condition.

#### **NEW DEBT RESTRICTIONS**

You are prohibited from incurring any new credit charges, opening additional lines of credit, or incurring any new monetary loan, obligation, or debt, by whatever name known, without the approval of the U.S. Probation Office. You shall not encumber or liquidate interest in any assets unless it is in direct service of the fine and/or restitution obligation or otherwise has the expressed approval of the Court.

#### **RESTRICTIONS FROM ENTERING GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS**

You shall not enter any gambling establishment without the permission of the U.S. Probation Office and/or the Court.

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**SELF-EMPLOYMENT/BUSINESS DISCLOSURE**

You shall cooperate with the U.S. Probation Office in the investigation and approval of any position of self-employment, including any independent, entrepreneurial, or freelance employment or business activity. If approved for self-employment, you shall provide the U.S. Probation Office with full disclosure of your self-employment and other business records, including, but not limited to, all of the records identified in the Probation Form 48F (Request for Self Employment Records), or as otherwise requested by the U.S. Probation Office.

**COOPERATION WITH NOAA**

As a further special condition of supervised release, while self employed or while working in the fishing industry in any capacity, you must comply with all policy, procedures, regulations and directives of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce (NOAA)

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**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISED RELEASE**

While the defendant is on supervised release pursuant to this Judgment:

- 1) The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime during the term of supervision.
- 2) The defendant shall not illegally possess a controlled substance.
- 3) If convicted of a felony offense, the defendant shall not possess a firearm or destructive device.
- 4) The defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer.
- 5) The defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the Court or probation officer.
- 6) The defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer.
- 7) The defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities.
- 8) The defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons.
- 9) The defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of any change in residence or employment.
- 10) The defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances.
- 11) The defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered.
- 12) The defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer.
- 13) The defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer.
- 14) The defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer.
- 15) The defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court.
- 16) As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics, and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.
- (17) You shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the Probation Officer.

*(This standard condition would apply when the current offense or a prior federal offense is either a felony, any offense under Chapter 109A of Title 18 (i.e., §§ 2241-2248, any crime of violence [as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 16], any attempt or conspiracy to commit the above, an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for which a sentence of confinement of more than one year may be imposed, or any other offense under the Uniform Code that is comparable to a qualifying federal offense);*

- (18) Upon request, you shall provide the U.S. Probation Office with full disclosure of your financial records, including co-mingled income, expenses, assets and liabilities, to include yearly income tax returns. With the exception of the financial accounts reported and noted within the presentence report, you are prohibited from maintaining and/or opening any additional individual and/or joint checking, savings, or other financial accounts, for either personal or business purposes, without the knowledge



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and approval of the U.S. Probation Office. You shall cooperate with the Probation Officer in the investigation of your financial dealings and shall provide truthful monthly statements of your income. You shall cooperate in the signing of any necessary authorization to release information forms permitting the U.S. Probation Office access to your financial information and records;

- (19) As directed by the U.S. Probation Office, you shall participate in and complete any educational, vocational, cognitive or any other enrichment program offered by the U.S. Probation Office or any outside agency or establishment while under supervision;
- (20) You shall not operate any motor vehicle without a valid driver's license issued by the State of New Jersey, or in the state in which you are supervised. You shall comply with all motor vehicle laws and ordinances and must report all motor vehicle infractions (including any court appearances) within 72 hours to the U.S. Probation Office;

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Upon a finding of a violation of probation or supervised release, I understand that the Court may (1) revoke supervision or (2) extend the term of supervision and/or modify the conditions of supervision.

These conditions have been read to me. I fully understand the conditions, and have been provided a copy of them.

You shall carry out all rules, in addition to the above, as prescribed by the Chief U.S. Probation Officer, or any of his associate Probation Officers.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant Date

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U.S. Probation Officer/Designated Witness Date

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**RESTITUTION AND FORFEITURE**

**RESTITUTION**

The defendant shall make restitution in the amount of \$520,371.00. The Court will waive the interest requirement in this case. Payments should be made payable to the **U.S. Treasury** and mailed to Clerk, U.S.D.C., 402 East State Street, Rm 2020, Trenton, New Jersey 08608, for distribution to the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration of the Department of Commerce (NOAA). **Government to submit address to the Courts.**

The amount ordered represents the total amount due to the victim for this loss. The defendant's restitution obligation shall not be affected by any restitution payments made by other defendants in this case, except that no further payments shall be required after the sum of the amounts actually paid by all defendants has fully satisfied this loss. The following defendant(s) in the following case(s) may be subject to restitution orders to the same victim for this same loss.

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Payments should be pro-rated over a (5) year time period.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) community restitution, (6) fine interest, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.